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HOUSE BILL NO. 226.

This bill, introduced by Wm. A. Stephens of Johnson county, shows that the gentleman is thinking along the right lines, and that with a better understanding of the subject matter, he might be enabled to get the right kind of a bill before the House. But this bill misses the mark entirely. The bill is to amend section 587, which fixes the maximum rate newspapers are allowed for public advertisements, which under the old law is \$1 per 250 ems for the first insertion and 50 cents for each subsequent insertion, which Mr. Stephens' bill seeks to reduce to 50 and 35 cents. While the rate would be more evenly balanced were 25 substituted for the 35 cents, it will be observed that no cognizance is taken of the value of the space of different newspapers. It should be plain to any one that the space of a newspaper having 1000 circulation is worth twice as much as that of a paper having 500 circulation, and it does twice the service. Under existing laws, and which this amendment does not propose to remedy, the paper having but 500 circulation receives the same price for public advertisements as the paper having 5000, yet renders one-tenth the service. It is plain, therefore, that the maximum rate should be based on the circulation, which, taking 100 circulation as a unit, would be a simple matter. This is the only absolutely just and equitable way to fix the rate. If this cannot be done, then a law should be passed requiring newspapers to charge no more for public advertisements than their customary rates.

It is not so much the amount of the maximum rate as fixed by section 587 that needs amending as does the provisions of the following section, 588, which provides that the most advantageous terms shall be accepted, but provides no way to enforce this provision. This section reads:

Sec. 588. Officers to procure best rates.—In procuring the publication of any law, proclamation, advertisement, order or notice, as in the preceding section mentioned, the public officers shall accept of the most advantageous terms that can be obtained, not exceeding the rates limited in the preceding section.

From section 585 it might be judged that section 588 also applies to any public advertisement of a legal nature such as orders of publication in land, title and divorce suits, trustee's sales, etc., which are published by individuals or their attorneys and the maximum rate is charged. In fact, section 588 is almost generally ignored by officers and individuals, because it imposes no penalty, and therefore its enforcement is impossible.

It appears to us that if a penalty should be attached to section

588, making it apply from the Secretary of State down to the lowest officer and to attorneys and their clients, the question of rates would be pretty well settled, because the paper offering the "most advantageous terms" would be awarded the contract.

The fact that section 588 is almost generally ignored all over the State, from the highest officer to the lowest—Secretary of State to Sheriff, and that the patronage placed in their hands by the law is used by them for their own political enhancement at the expense of the people and the public treasury, led us to make the fight we have against the laxity of the law, which has made possible the formation of political and county seat rings, with a big, fat newspaper, fed and pampered at the expense of the public, answering to their every beck and call.

Attach a sufficient penalty to section 588, and we, for one, will guarantee that the law will be enforced and a lot of high-handed grafters will henceforth have their rations somewhat diminished.

HOUSE BILL NO. 757.

We do not know that this bill was intended to slip by without being noticed, but on its face it appears to be another attempt at newspaper graft, along with the bill to require the Secretary of State to publish a summary of the laws passed by the legislature. The bill was introduced by Noah W. Simpson of Lewis county, and is to amend article 5, chapter 35, Revised Statutes of Missouri, by adding thereto a new section to be known as section 4086a.

The preceding section, 4086, relates to the "terms" of County Court and "where held."

The new section sought to be added requires the County Clerk to have the proceedings published in two or more newspapers, leaving it optional with the clerk to use as many papers as best suits his political aspirations. The proposed section reads as follows:

Sec. 4086a. It shall be the duty of the county clerk, immediately after the adjournment of ANY term of the county court, to cause the proceedings of such terms to be published in two or more newspapers published in the county.

On its face, the bill is innocent enough, since it does not mention the very important fact that the publication is to be paid for at the full maximum rate, which would be not less than \$25 per term to each paper in the county, which, in Pemiscot county, having five newspapers, counting special terms of the court, would amount to not less than \$800 extra expense each year. So you see, it is a very nice little grab for the newspapers, and especially those in the ring.

Since all the newspapers who can conveniently obtain the proceedings of the county court are anxious to publish the matter as news, it would be a good idea to make it a part of the clerk's duty to furnish each newspaper in the county a copy of the proceedings.

Heretofore, when we have published such matter, we have gone to considerable trouble to get it. We are opposed to any law relative to public advertisements until some law is passed making it compulsory for public officers to "accept of the most advantageous terms that can be obtained," as contemplated in section 588, thereby giving all papers an equal chance, and removing the means of spoils and graft from the hands of designing politicians and ringsters.

THE McELHENY CASE.

Because it is generally known that C. J. McElheny was by I. Kohn, Ben Allen, Arthur Allen and others induced to put up the \$700 with which Chameleon Nutty Walker was imported from Indiana to this city to put the Herald out of business, and that because this clan is steadfastly standing by him in the charge of concubinage brought against him, some may think we are prejudiced against the man. But nothing could be further from the truth. The case is of sufficient importance as to demand our attention to publish the developments as a matter of news as the case proceeds, and should future developments turn in his favor the people can depend upon us to truthfully publish just what takes place. We feel no concern except to see simple justice done, both by him and his accuser, which can only be accomplished by a due process of law, free and untrammelled, and not like many affairs in this county have been conducted.

Do not understand us to say this man is guilty as charged, for we do not make such a statement. Whether he is innocent or guilty is a matter for the courts to decide.

McElheny is accused of a most heinous offense, that of invading the sanctity of a home and taking therefrom a girl of tender age and carrying her away for an immoral purpose.

Society demands that the courts investigate this charge. It is not a matter either of public or personal opinion for or against the accused; it is not a matter of his innocence or his guilt. The charge has been made, and law and order and good society demands that McElheny face his accuser in court and that all the evidence be brought out.

Should the accused be innocent of the offense charged against him, that would be a paramount reason why he should welcome the full and complete investigation which only a court can give. In no other way can he protect his character and save his family from humiliation, and he will not knowingly permit his lawyers to prevent the little girl who accuses him from telling her story in the most minute detail.

It appears from the Twice-a-Week Democrat, on the McElheny case, some one has purposely misled it in a news item. It says the defendant was discharged without hearing his side of the case, "THE COURT HOLDING that the prosecution had no case." Where did Lacey procure this sort of "information?" It is absolutely false and a blow at truth and justice and the law of the land. A true story of the "trial," so far as it was permitted to go, is published elsewhere in today's Herald. The "Court did not hold that the State had no case." All the "Court held" was that the State could not produce its main evidence, and for that reason, only, the suit was dismissed by the State's Attorney to be filed in circuit court. It is evident that Lacey did not get his information from Prosecuting Attorney Bragg, or from anyone else who wants to see justice done or the law upheld.

The defense in the McElheny case were certainly long on witnesses, when they asked a change of venue from Justice Gotcher's court because they wanted to use him as a witness, and he could not place it before Justice Gwin because they wanted to use him as a witness also.

And "Capt. Allen" was there, with his "knowing look," examining the papers, when the change of venue was asked. Evidently the change of venue satisfied him, because after that he was less conspicuous.

In their efforts to embarrass and break down the little victim in the McElheny case, her mother, after testifying and being cross examined, was by the de-

fense forced to leave the courtroom.

Old Chameleon Nutty was heard to say: "It is a pity a man of McElheny's standing must be dragged into court as has been done."

It was known a week ahead that a change of venue in the McElheny case would be asked from Justice Gotcher's court.

The Dowd-Gayoso school has been suspended for several days on account of the overflow. The school building is on the outside of the levee, and the water, running out of the low places on the river above, has surrounded the house. This calls to mind the necessity of moving the building to some convenient point this side of the levee, but it should, by all means, have been done before the new levee was built, as the expense would have been less, and there would have been less danger of damaging the house.

Mrs. Henry Hayes, who had been very ill for some time, died Sunday morning at the family residence in this city, and her remains were interred in the White Cemetery Monday. Besides her husband, she leaves an afflicted daughter and two sons, who have the sincere sympathy of the community.

Miss Ophelia Maxwell, a niece of Newt Maxwell of Steele, died at the home of her mother in Blytheville, Ark., Monday morning at four o'clock, at the age of 18, after a lingering illness of tuberculosis. Mr. Maxwell went down Monday evening to attend the funeral.

Mesdames F. M. Johnson and R. L. Crockett deserve some praise as pedestrians, having walked from Terry to this city last Thursday, to do their shopping. Both paid the Herald a pleasant call, and Mrs. Crockett extended her subscription for another year.

The case of the State against Willis Young, charged with the murder of Brad Meate, which was called in the Circuit Court at Caruthersville Monday, was continued until the first day of July term of court.

Judge J. S. Gossom, J. E. Duncan and Chas. and Clint Cunningham of Caruthersville, Jas. Grinstead and Wilce Currier of Braggadocio, and Riley Dunaway of Samford, attended a lawsuit in this city Tuesday.

A. B. Cortright, manager of the electric light plant, went up to Morehouse Sunday to visit his wife, who has been ill for several days, but who is now improving and will soon be able to return home.

Rev. T. G. Fallin, the minister with a Christian heart, a Christian countenance and a Christian by precept and example, came up from Douglas Tuesday, to attend the Methodist revival.

Tom Simpson, the well known pharmacist, came over from Caruthersville Monday and will assist in Lefler's Drug Store during Mr. Lefler's absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Streiff, accompanied by Nick Friderich of Caruthersville, went down to Memphis Sunday afternoon and returned at noon Monday.

Wm. Tucker, the well known socialist of Holland, passed through Hayti Monday on his way to and from the county seat, but was as quiet as a clam.

A H. Blankenship of Caruthersville, Route 1, was in this city Saturday and added his name to the Herald's honor roll.

Mrs. Elmer Hazel and sons, Ernest and Gilbert, of Caruthersville, visited the family of John Scott Sunday.

R. N. Brasher, soda dispenser at Lefler's, left Tuesday to visit homefolks at Kutawa, Ky.

Louis Neuman of Marston and Louis Lee and M. H. Gust of Lilbourn came down the first of the week to buy alfalfa hay.

T. J. Greenwell came in from the farm last Thursday to look after business matters.

C. O. Raine, Sr., of Canton, came down Saturday to look after his interests in this county.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Streiff visited Caruthersville Thursday.

Moxie Manuel was over from Pascola the first of the week.

Bob Easley was in Caruthersville a short while Monday.

Tom Lewis was a Hayti visitor last Thursday.

A. B. Cortright has placed his name upon our honor roll.

Mrs. Bernie Stockmann was in Portageville Sunday.

P. S. Ravenstein.

P. S. Ravenstein announces this week as a candidate for the office of mayor of the city of Hayti, subject to the will of the voters at the city election April 6, 1915.

Mr. Ravenstein comes not as a stranger, having resided in this city since it was platted and placed on the map, and has several times served the people, always making a good and efficient officer. He has served one term as mayor, and his record stands today as his strongest recommendation; in fact, the substantial growth and improvement of the city owes much to his two years as mayor, although he began his duties of that office under the most unfavorable conditions that ever confronted our people.

There is nothing we can say for or about him the people do not already know. He feels an interest in the welfare of the city, now, and for the future, and if the people see fit to elect him to this important office he promises his best efforts to merit the confidence reposed in him.

Resolutions of Respect.

Forest of Pecan Camp 273, W.O.W. Hayti, Mo., February 16, 1915.

Another tree has fallen. Another from the family circle gone. Hearts have been made sad by his departing. But the will of the great commander must be done.

W. H. Walker, member of Pecan Camp 273, W.O.W., departed this life February 15, 1915.

Therefore, be it Resolved, that in remembrance for his deep devotion to woodcraft, the charter be draped in mourning for the usual period.

That we extend our deepest sympathies and condolences to the bereaved family who will miss him more than we.

Be it Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be secured to the minutes of the fraternity, that a copy be sent to the Hayti Herald for publication, and that a copy be sent to the sorrowing family at this sad hour.

(MORGAN WARTH, Committee: C. L. LEELER, CHAS. MARTIN.)

Drainage Districts Re-Bond.

At the meeting of the land owners of Drainage Districts No. 8 and 9 with the County Court at Caruthersville the 15th and 16th, for the purpose of deciding whether or not the districts would re-bond to complete the work of drainage that was stopped on account of the loss of the county's funds in the failure of the Pemiscot County Bank, the vote was taken by acres, and carried by an overwhelming majority.

It was therefore agreed that additional bonds in the sum of \$200,000 should be issued against the land in Drainage District No. 8, and not to exceed \$45,000 in No. 9. We understand the matter was to be closed on the 17th by issuing the bonds, and in this case all that remains to be done to resume the work is to find a buyer for the new bonds.

Commercial Club Meets.

The Hayti Commercial Club had its first regular meeting on Thursday night of last week, which showed a good attendance and every one interested. After adopting the by-laws, a move was placed on foot to induce someone to build a first-class hotel in this city, and a committee was appointed to take the matter up and push it to a termination. This is a step in the right direction, and every member of the organization should lend his unremitting aid to the accomplishment of this worthy purpose.

Mrs. Dr. J. W. Johnson returned Wednesday at noon from Blytheville, Ark., where she went Tuesday morning to visit Mrs. Bob Hillard, who has been ill of pneumonia several days. Mrs. Hillard was some better when Mrs. Johnson left, and it is hoped she will rapidly recover.

W. A. Long of Braggadocio left Monday for St. Petersburg, Fla., for the benefit of his health.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Lefler left Tuesday night for a three weeks' stay at Hot Springs, Ark.

Notice.

To those who have given notes to Endsley & Summers, you are notified that our contract has expired, and all payments must be made to A. D. Endsley. Endsley & Summers will take up the portrait work and will see you this spring and summer.

15th ENDSLEY & BESS.

RESTAURANT

I have purchased the Allen restaurant and have thoroughly cleaned and renovated from top to bottom. Will devote my personal attention to its customers. Try me for your short orders, soft drinks, cigars, etc.

HARRY S. SCHILLING

SCHOOL NOTES.

By W. H. JOHNSON, Supt.
The following is the honor roll for the fifth month:

HIGH SCHOOL.

Bessie Raybuck, Joseph Kohn, Earl Raybuck, Blair Buckley, Lillie Sprayberry, Bonnie Hart, Hattie Mae Argo, Pearl Chism, Walter Dorris.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Miss Jessie Hill's Room—Harry Currier, Houston Buckley, Floyd Bissett, Harry Fields, Ray McGuire, Iva Alexander, Mabel Erwin, Beatrice Trout, Alberta Alexander, Jessie Williams, Mary Lewis.

Miss Ruth Hill's Room—Effie Ball, Gladys Chism, Lenore Crider, Ruth Daley, Helen Guffy, Laura Jeffers, Ethel M. Martin, Ethel S. Martin, Cora Mae Meate, Sadie Mitchell, Elsie Perkins, Grace Rowe, Nellie Schmidt, Ruth Snyder, Hallie Vaughn, Robert Creely, Andrew Dorris, Olga Gillis, Lum Fendergrass, Henry Ransburgh, Warren Ray, Tracy Lee Ward.

Mrs. Morris' Room—Fay Wilson, Basil Edwards, Tom Warrth, Margaret Davis, Clyde Warrth, Charles Rafferty, Thelma Robertson, Carl Currier, Eva McGuire, Maude Adams, Carl Martin, Everett Board, Walter Chatham, Emma Alexander, Freeman Harrington, Lula Kennon, Maude Fields, Ethel Lewis, Ernest Lefler, Lena Streiff, Ova Powell, Raymond Crider, Troy Artterberry, Lee Perkins, Will Chatham, Wilbert Brown, Viola Hornback.

Miss Winters' Room—Gladys Artterberry, Louis Brown, Charlie Barringer, Lillie Cathey, Mayes Chism, Herman Dycus, Hugh Dorris, Senator Gotcher, Kathryn Gunion, Leonard Gross, Juanita Herrell, Will Jones Jeffers, Lena Johnson, Harold Popham, Virginia Morgan, Hermenia Sturm, Emerson Ransburgh, Lloyd Sims, Moore Schilling, Yancy Sullivan, Shamel Yearta, John Adams, Evelyn Bissett, Mary Currier, Lonnie Pulliam, George Currier, Augusta Gross, Richard Hayes.

Miss Dover's Room—William Kesner, Edward Watts, Murville Spencer, Alvin Rehkop, Robert Donald McNall, Bernice Artterberry, Ethel Bivins, Flossie Baker, Olive Craig, Hattie Fern Herrell, Mildred Pollock, Rachel Spencer, Hortense Watts, Pauline Heard, Irene Warrth, Daisy Greenwell, Pearlina Fields, Bertha Cooper, Jewel Williams, Louise Crest.

Miss McFarland's Room—Dora Albright, Lucille Dorris, Lizzie Faris, Margaret McElheny, Celesta Sturm, Jasany Sanders, Cassie Walton, Joe Creely, Bryan Heard, J. C. Johnson, Walter Moss, Rufus Phillips, Glenn Rehkop, August Streiff, Herbert Millsap, John D. Fields, Jackson Watts, Almeda Watts.

Recent school visitors: Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Burr, Mrs. Larson, Mrs. B. I. Allen, Mrs. Erwin, Mrs. A. J. Dorris, Mrs. LaGrand, Mrs. Dunklin, Mrs. Jessie Dorris, Mrs. Witt, Mrs. J. W. Johnson.

Miss Katherine and Peter Streiff, Jr., went over to Caruthersville Sunday morning, returning at noon, accompanied by their friend, Herman Friderich, who spent the afternoon here.

Bulletin No. 3.

at

POPHAM'S MEAT MARKET AND GENERAL STORE

HAYTI, MO. PHONE 56

It will pay all those who are looking for real bargains to keep their eye on this space every week ---read every word of it ---it's to your interest.

65c coffee mills.....45c
Good can tomatoes.....10c
\$1.25 suits of underwear.....75c
65c work shirts.....45c
\$1.25 dress shirts.....90c
All calicoes.....5c
Brains, Ribs, Backbones, Pig Ears, Pig Tails, Pickled Pig Feet, Souse, Cream Cheese, Fresh and Salt Meats.

We only mention a few articles each week, but we would rather you come and see our stock. See our low prices in dry goods and notions.

LARD Compound.....12 1/2c

We are really proud of the reputation we are building among the fresh meat buyers. We want you to try our weights and very low prices.

EVERYTHING IS DELIVERED

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YOUR DRUG BUSINESS

I AM fully aware of the stringency of the times and the scarcity of money, and it is my purpose to do the best I can by all customers. I will say, therefore, to those who have not paid their accounts, that if they will satisfy same, or make some satisfactory arrangements, I will endeavor to extend the same courtesies in the future as in the past. Come in and see me and let's arrange matters for another year's business. Remember I need money as well as other people, and all who can pay a little cash are assured the same will be appreciated.

Your Prescription Work will receive our most prompt and careful attention, and your patronage for anything in the drug sundry line, toilet articles, paints, oils, varnishes, glass, etc., will be made interesting, both as to price and quality.

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